

MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN **SAVING PROPOSAL ASSESSMENT**

DIRECTORATE: Economy & Environment

SERVICE AREA: Public Protection – Public Open Space CCTV

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVING PROPOSAL TITLE: CCTV savings

- a) £6k per annum data cost savings from replacing 9 re-deployable CCTV cameras with more cost-effective option.
- b) Blaenau Gwent cbc CCTV Service Level Agreement £10K Management fee

BUDGET AREA: CCTV

TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS AREA: £471,570

% OF TOTAL BUDGET IN SAVINGS PROPOSAL: 3.39%

TOTAL SAVING: £16K

Please provide a brief description of how the saving will be achieved:

- a) 9 redeployable CCTV cameras will be replaced with updated cameras with more cost-effective data usage costs.
£24,000 of 21/22 under spends have already been approved to replace 5 re-deployable cameras with new updated models. The remaining 4 cameras will be funded from the CCTV Capital budget. The new camera package includes set data usage costs resulting in an ongoing saving of £6K per annum and removes the risk of exceeding budget due to increased bandwidth associated with IP (Internet Protocol) cameras.
 - b) The CCTV service is entering into a Service level Agreement for limited camera monitoring, fault reporting and footage download for Blaenau Gwent CBC. The SLA includes a £10K Management fee which will be offered up as a corporate income saving.
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2. PUBLIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE PUBLIC:

Consider the 5 ways of working, in particular, *long-term* implications for future generations and *preventative services*. Recognising that savings now may be needed to secure future provision, or may secure provision in another area.

Long-term guidance: Consider the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long-term needs.

- a) No impact, the existing 9 re deployable cameras will be replaced with upgraded new models with no impact on monitoring or footage quality. The change will safeguard their use in future years by establishing known set data costs.
- b) No impact, project management function carried out by existing managers, additional staff will be employed and funded by BGCBC to carry out the operational functions.

The SLA in b) may also support the long term sustainability of the CCBC CCTV function.

Prevention guidance: Consider whether the proposed saving is affecting a preventative area that reduces future burdens and supports well-being.

Upgrading the re deployable CCTV cameras supports public safety, community cohesion and crime prevention.

DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT MORE GREATLY ON PEOPLE WITH PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS? (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation)

* Yes ☐ No ☒

DOES THE PROPOSAL IMPACT ON PEOPLE WHO FACE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE? (low income/income poverty, low wealth/or no wealth, material deprivation, area deprivation, socio-economic background, cumulative impact – information on [Policy Portal](#))

* Yes ☐ No ☒

DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WELSH LANGUAGE? (opportunities to use the language, promote the language and/or treating the Welsh language less favourably than the English language)

* Yes ☐ No ☒

NB * If **YES** to any of the above, please complete an [Integrated Impact Assessment](#) (IIA). For further advice and guidance please see the [Policy Portal](#). A Saving Proposal Template or an IIA, if relevant, must be submitted to be included as hyperlinks to all decision reports related to the proposed savings. IIAs are not required for nil impact proposals.

PLEASE DETAIL ANY CONSULTATION THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL. Summarise any feedback received.

Consider the 5 ways of working, in particular, *involvement*.

Involvement: Consider whether you have involved people who have an interest in the service area, including service users and potential service users.

No consultation has taken place as option a replaces existing cameras already in use. There are additional controls and requirements on utilisation of CCTV cameras which are complied with.

Annual reviews are required by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner, in order to justify the continued usage of the cameras. Ward Members, police, community safety wardens, community councils etc. where appropriate, are consulted and asked to comment on the continued need in the area. The responses received to the annual reviews all support continued utilisation.

As part of the “What Matters” conversation with residents (November/December 2022) 95% of respondents felt that community safety was as important or more important than it was a year ago.

These proposal were considered as part of the consultation on the council’s draft savings proposals (January/February 20223). A number agreed with the proposal to replace CCTV cameras whilst no views were expressed in relation to the SLA.

IS FURTHER CONSULTATION REQUIRED BEFORE THIS PROPOSAL CAN BE IMPLEMENTED?

Yes ☐ No ☒

NB* Please seek guidance from Corporate Policy, who can advise on whether a formal consultation is required and adherence to the Gunning Principles.

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE PUBLIC IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (please tick):

Nil ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐ Critical ☐

3. ORGANISATION IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE ORGANISATION:

Proposal a) enables the service to improve the standard of re deployable cameras for use in the county borough, enables better financial management with known data usage costs and the ability to offer up the £6K saving. Continues to support Community Safety, assist Gwent Police and impact on crime prevention and fear of crime.

Community Safety Partnership and Community Safety Wardens. Cameras monitor Community Safety Wardens as requested when patrolling certain areas or responding to incidents. Information from incidents and monitoring assists with data on crime and antisocial behaviour issues in a particular area.

Gwent Police & other enforcement agencies, Trading Standards, housing enforcement, insurance etc.

Crime prevention and detection impacts, identification of offenders, protection for emergency services when attending incidents, ability to assist with locating missing persons. Often CCTV monitor potential incidents and prevent the need for Gwent Police to respond unless actually necessary.

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT UPON MEMBERS OF STAFF:

Proposal a) no impact.

Proposal b) project management will be dealt with by the Trading Standards, Licensing & Registrars Manager and Control Room Manager. Additional staff will be employed to carry out the operational monitoring, fault checking and reporting funded by BGCBC.

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED: N/A

NUMBER OF POSTS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED SAVING:

PLEASE SPECIFY HOW THIS WILL BE MANAGED:

HOW MANY POST(S)(please state)

- ALREADY VACANT:
- VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE:
- RETIREMENT:
- REDEPLOYMENT:
- REDUNDANCY:

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHEN THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER DIRECTORATE, SERVICE AREA OR TEAM WITHIN THE COUNCIL? (please tick)

Yes ☐ No ☒

WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNER, OR VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNER? (please tick)

Yes ☐ No ☒

If **yes**, please consider the 5 ways of working, in particular *integration*.

DESCRIBE:

- THE AREA(S) AFFECTED; AND
- HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT

Integration guidance: Consider how the proposal will impact on other service areas, or partners, and their ability to meet their objectives.

HAVE ANY OPTIONS BEEN CONSIDERED TO MITIGATE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT?
PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY MITIGATION (e.g. gradual reduction in service, income generation, transferrable skills of staff, commercialisation of the service etc.)

In addition, consider the 5 ways of working, in particular, acting in *collaboration* with other service areas or partners.

Proposal a) n/a.

Proposal b) is part of a project to support another Local authority with their Public Open Space CCTV function.

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (please tick):

Nil ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐ Critical ☐

4. LINKS TO POLICY AND CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

DOES THE SAVINGS PROPOSAL LINK TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

If so, please specify and state what the implication may be.

POLICY AREA:

CORPORATE PLAN and WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES (please state which objectives)

WHAT IS THE LINK?

Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle – fear of crime

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?

Upgrading and retaining the redeploy able cameras assists greatly in public safety reducing fear of crime, feeling safe in our communities.

POLICY AREA:

STATUTORY DUTIES (including the requirement to provide services in Welsh)

WHAT IS THE LINK?

S17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?

There is no statutory duty to provide a Public Open Space CCTV system. The Act requires the council in exercising its various functions to have regard to the likely effect on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area including anti-social behaviour. Many services across the Council will contribute to this.

POLICY AREA:

WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE or STRATEGY

WHAT IS THE LINK?

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?

5. OTHER RISK(S) AND SENSITIVITIES

HAVE ANY OTHER RISKS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAVING PROPOSAL?

Yes ☐ No ☒

IF **YES**, PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW:

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ANY OTHER MITIGATION:

Not all risks can be mitigated. Some may need to be tolerated in the context of budget pressures.

Proposal b), the management fee income saving is only available as long as the SLA continues, if the agreement ends there will be a consequential £10K cut in the CCTV budget.

6. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

PLEASE USE THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL HAS NOT BEEN CAPTURED.

HEAD OF SERVICE: Robert Hartshorn

DATE OF COMPLETION: 15/2/23